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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, AR

SUBJ: PM PRESS REACTION ON EMBASSY MEMORANDA

REF: BA 5618 & BA 5635

1. AFTERNOON PRESS (CRONICA, LA RAZON) SUSTAINS AND ESCALATES POSSIBLE ACRIMONIOUS ASPECTS OF EMBASSY-GELBARD EXCHANGE, AS OPPOSED TO ATTENUATION EVIDENCED IN MUCH OF MORNING PRESS.

2. CRONICA FRONTPAGES TOP STREAMER "YANKEE THREAT": OUR CONGRESS REACTS, CALLS FOR GOVERNMENT REPORT." TWO-PAGE INSIDE SPREAD HEADLINED "COUNTRY SHOCKED AT YANKEE AGGRESSION." STORY INCLUDES TEXT OF ARGENTINE FONMIN COMMUNIQUE, LINE CUT REPRODUCTIONS OF ORIGINAL AMEMBASSY MEMOS FEATURING LETTERHEAD AND PROTEST STATEMENTS BY JUSTICIALISTA, RADICAL AND CONSERVATIVE CONGRESSMEN. ADDS THAT FOUR CONGRESSMEN PREPARED TO TAKE ISSUE TO THE EXECUTIVE. RAISES POSSIBILITY OF PNG ACTION TOWARD CHARGE AND SAYS SOME CONGRESSMEN MOVING TO CONSIDER THIS AND CALL FOR REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. LA RAZON STORY FOLLOWS SIMILAR LINES WITH PAGE ONE BANNER "U.S. CHARGE PRESENTS EXCUSES TO FONMIN." INSIDE STORY WITH HEADLINE "CHAMBER URGED TO DECLARE UNCLASSIFIED

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DIPLOMAT PNG."

4. ALIANZA POPULAR PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN RECENT ELECTIONS, OSCAR ALENDE, APPEARED ON CHANNEL 11 INTERVIEW IN AFTERNOON, SHARPLY CRITICAL U.S. AND SAID CHARGE WHOULD BE GIVEN 24 HOURS LEAVE COUNTRY.

5. WIRE SERVICES ALSO MOVED STORY, RELYING ON MANY QUOTES LOCAL PRESS, TO CLIENTS THROUGHOUT ARGENTINA.

6. IN A DIFFERENT VEIN, RADIO RIVADAVIA AT 17:35 LOCAL AUG 1, HAD LIVE INTERVIEW JUAN PERON AS HE WAS LEAVING RESIDENCE AND ASKED HIM ABOUT THE MATTER. HE REPLIED, " THIS HAS NO IMPORTANCE TO ME. THE CHARGE ADDRESSED HIMSELF DISRESPECTFULLY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT GAVE HIM A SOSEGATE (SLAP ON THE WRISTS)."  
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